



**SUPPORT: Senate Bill No. 1096: AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS.**

March 1, 2023

Good Morning, Co-Jeff Currey, Douglas McGrory, Ranking Members, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Education Committee.

I am Lourdes Delgado. For 38.5 years I proudly served students in Bridgeport as a paraprofessional, teacher, and administrator. Immediately upon retiring I began to volunteer as the director of the Faith & Education Coalition (FEC) of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference of Connecticut (NHCLC,CT) servicing communities state-wide. We support Advancing Student Achievement by advocating for high and comparable standards and local accountability to ensure all children have access to quality education regardless of zip code, income, or race. In addition, we provide training and resources for our parents toward "Raising Highly Capable Kids".

Prompted by our goal of High Achievement for All Students we continuously receive inquiries from parents for education options. Among others, Charter Schools are a viable option.

For this reason, I support SB 1096 requesting the elimination of lines 249-252 to allow for more education options and insert a clause to allow schools in the 2022 RFP process to be included. Legislation approval for Charter Schools must be accompanied by funding in order to ensure achievement.

Respectfully,

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